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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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A MOTOR VEHICLE)	

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The items checked below are attached:

- ☒ Amendment After Final (15 pages);
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (three months) (1 page); and
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,020.00 (three-month extension fee).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 20, 2004

By: _____
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") mailed July 1, 2004, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed with this Amendment After Final, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 10 of this paper.